

Amendment No. 1 to HB1453

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 1309

House Bill No. 1453*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-134, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(e)

(1) Notwithstanding this section to the contrary, and unless otherwise prohibited by federal law, a person who resides on property that adjoins the Great Smoky Mountains National Park may take, attempt to take, or harm a bear that enters onto the person's property if the bear acted in a manner that caused:

(A) The person to have a reasonable belief that the bear's action placed the person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury;

(B) The person to believe the danger creating the threat of imminent death or serious bodily injury is real, or is honestly believed to be real at the time; and

(C) The belief of danger to be founded upon reasonable grounds.

(2)

(A) A person shall notify the agency within twenty-four (24) hours after killing or seriously injuring a bear pursuant to this section if the person is reasonably able to notify the agency.

(B) A bear must not be removed from the site, repositioned, retained, sold, or transferred without authorization from the agency.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.